



17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

After Action  
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2003

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**Morgan Hill Civic Center**  
Council Chambers  
17555 Peak Ave.

**Senior Advisory Committee**

Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	John Bautista
Committee Member	Sharon Leonard
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Charles Swann

Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Craig van Keulen

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**1:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gadway called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Absent: Committee Member Subocz

**DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**PLEDGE**

Pledge was led by Committee Member Leonard

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marie Skinner addressed the Senior Advisory Committee to commend Carol Wood on her good work as the Senior Program Manager at the Senior Center. Ms. Skinner stated she appreciates Ms. Wood's hard work and dedication to the seniors and the programs at the Friendly Inn. Chair Gadway thanked Ms. Wood and stated she has heard positive things about her work at the Friendly Inn and in the community. Committee Member Leonard also thanked Ms. Wood and added she has heard about the wonderful job Ms. Wood has been doing.

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### **YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE**

Carol Wood, Senior Center

Ms. Wood distributed the February 2003 Senior Newsletter to the Senior Advisory Committee. She announced she has filled the position held by Val Montarbo. The new Senior Coordinator is Claudine Gent. Ms. Gent began on February 3, 2003. She will work from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be a Valentine's Day party on February 14. There will be a DJ to play music as well as cookie decorating and arts and crafts. The Kiwanis Club will host a pancake breakfast for Seniors on Saturday, February 15. Ms. Wood reported there has been an increase in the attendance at the Nutrition Program.

Ms. Wood also reported that several cars have been keyed in the parking lot of the Friendly Inn. The police have been notified and she has urged seniors who attend the Nutrition Program to be cautious in the parking lot and around the Friendly Inn.

The Manzanita Room will serve as an information/resource room. There will be three computers and two printers in the room. Ms. Wood stated that her husband, Kelley Wood, volunteered to install a computer line in the room. Her husband purchased his own supplies and installed the line on a weekend. Chair Gadway thanked Ms. Wood for her husband's work. Chair Gadway asked Staff Balagso to acknowledge Mr. Wood's work with a thank you letter.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso reported the Aquatics Complex will require approximately \$2.5 million in additional funds in order to complete complex by June 2004. A possible funding source for this could be a portion of the funds allocated for the future Indoor Community Recreation Center. The City Council asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a strategy to identify \$2.5 million that could be transferred from the Indoor Community Recreation Center to the Aquatics Complex on Condit. Chair Gadway asked if the Senior Advisory Committee would have any input into this possibility. She then opened the issue for discussion by the Committee. Vice Chair Keig stated he feels the Aquatics Complex is not as high a priority in Morgan Hill as the Library and the future Indoor Community Recreation Center (IRC), which will house the Senior Center. Committee Member Mort stated that he too would rank the Library and IRC as a priority above the Aquatics Complex. Chair Gadway asked if this shift in funding would have any impact on the funding for the library. Staff Balagso responded it would not. Committee Member Leonard stated she felt senior programs and services were taking a "back seat" to other issues before the City Council. Chair Gadway stated

the City is charged with serving all residents and the needs of the seniors and youth are not being fully met at this time. She stated perhaps the feeling of the residents are being pushed aside in order to make the Aquatics Complex the number one priority. Committee Member Bautista stated he was aware of an option proposed by Council Member Hedy Chang. Her proposal was outlined in the January 31<sup>st</sup> Morgan Hill Times. Council Member Chang has proposed the City sell the property on Edmundson (the proposed site for the IRC) and build a Community Center adjacent to the Aquatics Complex on Condit Avenue. The Community Center would be built on the site now reserved for the Outdoor Sports Center. The Community Center would offer services and programs for youth and seniors. Chair Gadway asked if there had been further consideration by the Council of the Senior Advisory Committee's recommendation to renovate the Friendly Inn. Ken Tougas stated that he felt most seniors wanted the City to renovate the Friendly Inn and keep the Senior Center and Nutrition Program at the current site. Chair Gadway stated that members of the senior community need to make their feelings clear to the City Council. Chair Gadway asked if the members of the Committee would like to make a recommendation stating the Committee's viewpoint in regard to City Council's current prioritization in the construction of public facilities. Vice Chair Keig volunteered to make a motion to approve such a recommendation. There was a discussion as to the wording of the motion. Chair Gadway suggested that since there was consensus among the Committee members to approve the motion, that a motion be placed on the table to accept the recommendation and authorize Chair Gadway to draft the wording after the meeting. Vice Chair Keig stated the following:

"I move that the Committee approve a recommendation stating the viewpoint of the Senior Advisory Committee regarding the City's current prioritization in the construction of public facilities."

Committee Member Leonard seconded the motion. Motion approved (6:0)

Chair Gadway drafted the following recommendation:

"Resolved, the Senior Advisory Committee recommends that high priority be given to the needs of the Senior Community. We recommend that the highest priority be given to the current plans to the Indoor Community Recreation Center, which will house wings for both seniors and youth. If another facility is given a higher priority by the City Council, we recommend that serious attention be given to the existing Senior Center (The Friendly Inn) in terms of expansion and renovation to meet the existing program needs of our entire senior community in Morgan Hill."

## **COA ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Representative Tougas

Representative Tougas reported on a program designed to help seniors with health care issues such as HMO's. The program is called ICAP and has 28 volunteers who work directly with seniors to provide answer to questions and provide information on healthcare. Chair Gadway asked if it would be possible for ICAP to conduct a presentation in Morgan Hill for seniors on their services. Representative Tougas stated volunteers from the program are available and ready the help at any time. Chair Gadway stated it would be a good idea to have a representative from ICAP at the Senior Fair to be the held at the Grange as well as conduct a presentation at the Friendly Inn.

## **CAG MEETING REVIEW**

Committee Member Bautista

Committee Member Bautista explained that he had not been able to attend the last CAG meeting due to his health. Representative Tougas provided a report on the meeting. Mr. Tougas stated the meeting focused on setting priorities for 2003. One of the priorities is to establish the resource room at the Friendly Inn. The room will have computers, a bulletin board and information on senior services and programs. There will also be a book exchange program with the Friends of the Library.

Mr. Tougas reported that flyers and announcements of programs, services and events will be included in the Brown Bag program along with the Senior Newsletter.

Mr. Tougas also stated the CAG favors the proposal by Council Member Chang to build a Community Center on Condit Avenue and sell the property on Edmundson in order to partially fund construction. Mr. Tougas stated he feels the members senior community need and deserve a new facility in Morgan Hill.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 200**

Committee Member motioned to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Keig seconded the motion. Minutes approved (6:0)

## **BUSINESS**

### **2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**

**Recommended Action: Information Item.** Irma Torrez, City Clerk, will administer the oath office to Charles Swann. Mr. Swann was appointed to the Senior Advisory Committee on January 21, 2003 by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Clerk, Irma Torrez, administered the oath of office to Charles Swann. Mr. Swann will serve a two year term on the Senior Advisory Committee from 2003 to 2005. Chair Gadway and the other members of the Committee welcomed Mr. Swann and thanked him for his interest and participation.

### **3. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

**Recommended Action: Information Only.** Senior Advisory Committee will review the Proposal for the Development of the Morgan Hill Oral History Project prepared by Vice Chair Keig.

At the January 2003 meeting, Vice Chair Keig proposed an Oral History of the City of Moran Hill be developed. Vice Chair Keig subsequently sent a preliminary proposal to Council Member Steve Tate. Council Member Tate asked Staff Balagso to distribute this proposal to the Senior Advisory Committee and the Library Commission. Staff Balagso included the proposal in the agenda packets of the Senior Advisory Committee members. Vice Chair Keig stated he would like to work with 8 to 10 local groups in Morgan Hill to conduct research, interviews and collect the required information. He would like to interviews each resident of Morgan Hill now over the age of 80 to glean both historical facts and memories. Chair Gadway stated the Morgan Hill Historical Society worked on a similar project about 15 years ago. She suggested Vice Chair Keig contact the Historical Society.

Vice Chair Keig volunteered spearhead the project. He will contact various individuals and organizations in Morgan Hill to solicit assistance. Carol Wood offered the services of the Senior Center and volunteered to let the seniors know about the project. Committee Member Mort asked if it would be strictly an oral history or if it would be in written format. Chair Gadway stated a published book would be a good way to recoup the cost and also raise funds.

**4. TRANSFER OF SENIOR HOUSING TRUST FUND EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM FROM THE YMCA TO CITY OF MORGAN HILL**

**Recommended Action: Information Item.** The City of Morgan Hill will administer the Emergency Loan Program funded through the Emergency Housing Trust Fund. This program had been administered by the YMCA. The Department of Business Assistance and Housing Services will be responsible for the implementation of the program.

The City of Morgan Hill will administer the Emergency Loan Program funded by the Emergency Housing Trust Fund. The YMCA had administered the program for the past several years. The City asked the YMCA to transfer this program back to the City in order to concentrate all senior assistance programs in one department. The loan program will provide zero interest loans to seniors to assist with emergency rental payments, utilities and in-home support services. Representative Tougas asked if the twelve member Advisory Board that considered the loan requests would be reconvened. Staff Balagso responded that she would research the role and duties of the Advisory Board and forward the information to the Department of Business Assistance and Housing Services. Staff Balagso then introduced Steve Pendleton of the Business Assistance and Housing Services Department. Mr. Pendleton manages the Senior Housing Trust Fund and will administer the Emergency Loan Program. Mr. Pendleton stated he was not aware of the Advisory Board. Staff Balagso will provide him with the results of her research. Staff Balagso also stated she will provide the Senior Advisory Committee with a report on the activity of the Emergency Loan Program on a regular basis.

**t. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE – SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS**

**Recommended Action: Information Only.** Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso provided the Santa Clara County News to the members of the Senior Advisory Committee in their agenda packets.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** to the next monthly meeting schedule on **March 4, 2003** in City Council Chambers.

Vice-Chair Keig moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Mort seconded the motion. Motion approved (6:0)